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REPORT —TO OUR READER-OWNERS

"Lop-sided Reporting"

Work, the lively little paper published monthly in Chicago by the Catholic Labor Alliance, calls attention to the "lop-sided reporting" by the Chicago Tribune of the recent arbitraton hearing which resulted in a 15½ cent hourly wage award for a million rail workers.

"The hearings, spread over four weeks, allotted equal time to management and labor," says Work. "But the Trib didn't come anywhere near to giving the two sides equal treatment in the news columns.

"Eight lengthy stories, totaling 81 inches of type, told the railroads' arguments against the wage hike. Three stories, totaling 24 inches, gave the unions' arguments."

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Town Meeting of the Press

Suppose the editor of the Chicago Tribune stood before a sort of Town Meeting of the Press, made up of citizens from all walks of life, and were asked specific questions of the sort that Work has raised.

"Why, Mr. Editor, did you give eight stories totaling 81 inches of type to the railroads' sides of the case, and only three stories totaling 24 inches to the unions' side of the case?"

That would be an embarrassing question for Mr. Editor to answer. He'd start off with Hem and he'd wind up with Haw.

Now, some of us have long felt that there is no good reason why the editors of our big dailies, or of any type of newspaper or magazine, so far as that's concerned, shouldn't have to do just that—go before large citizens' groups and be asked searching questions about why they do as they do.

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How They'd Yell!

Mind you, the Town Meeting of the Press suggested wouldn't be a governmental agency. It would be a voluntary citizens' group. Its board of directors would be made up of representatives of labor, business, civic, political, and cultural groups.

These people would need to have only one purpose in common—to protect genuine freedom of the press, and to do it by the democratic method of free inquiry and discussion.

Col. McCormick, who kills genuine freedom of the press every day in his Chicago Tribune, would yowl and howl that freedom of the press was being invaded by such an institution.

So would Generalissimo Hearst and Generalissimo Knowland.

Not only would these big fellows yell, but so would smaller ones, perhaps the Editor of The Labor Journal also, when a representative of management on the board of directors of the Town Meeting of the Press got a meeting arranged for at which labor's reporting of strikes or negotiations would be studied.

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Wriggle and Writhe

Of course, this Town Meeting of the Press would have a little paper of its own, in which it would concisely report the meetings held, the questions asked, the answers given by the squirming editors.

At first, this little paper, which would doubtless be called The Free Press, would often have headlines such as this: "Editor of Oakland Tribune Declines to Appear Before Town Meeting of the Press and Answer Questions—Says Town Meeting of the Press is Criminal Invasion of Freedom of the Press, and is Mere Communist Front."

But gradually, even the editor of the Oakland Tribune would realize that he was up against something he pretends to respect a great deal, a mysterious force called Public Opinion.

And so he'd come when summoned, and wriggle and writhe at some of the questions asked, and the utter impossibility of answering them in any face-saving way.

Then when he went back to the desk where he sleeps except when Generalissimo Knowland has some chestnuts to pull out of the fire, he'd issue a ukase to all the boys and girls on the paper: "Be Honest Unless the Top Boss Insists—for Goodness' Sake Let's not Go Out of Our Way to Get in the Way of that Blamed Town Meeting of the Press!"

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People's World, Too!

Wouldn't that be sump'n?

Think over the idea. It may not be half as crazy as you think offhand.

P. S.—And think, too, of the fun it would be to get the editor of the People's World up there on the carpet! Wotta lotta doubletalk THAT would be!

NOTICE! BAKERS 119

Death Assessment

Members of Bakers Local 119 are hereby notified of a fifty cent death assessment for Member Andrew Lariveria.

C. H. BULLOCK,
Secretary

4 Officers of Tool and Diemakers are Suspended by IAM

The Regional Office of the International Association of Machinists confirmed the story that the Grand Lodge of the I. A. of M. had assumed supervision and direction of Tool and Diemakers' Lodge No. 1176. Grand Lodge Representative Charles B. Truax has been placed in charge.

This action occured on October 17, 1947, because of the refusal of some of the officers to execute anti-communist affidavits for the purposes of complying with the filing provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act.

In his letter of direction and supervision, H. W. Brown, International President said, "The refusal to sign these affidavits constitutes a deliberate disregard of the decision of our Executive Council, viz, that the International Association of Machinists (including all Local and District Lodges) will comply with the filing provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act."

Pending further investigation and possible trial, five (5) officers have been suspended from office. They are Chris Nelson, President; Richard Eldridge, Recording Secretary; A. V. Tobey, Treasurer and Walter L. Schwartz, Business Representative.

The Lodge itself has not been suspended, and the supervision and direction of the Local by the Grand Lodge is expected to be of short duration.

AFL Building Trade Convention Actions Briefly Epitomized

The recent convention of the AFL Building and Construction Trades Department, according to a press release sent The Labor Journal by the State Building Trades Council, in addition to reviewing the year's activities authorized the drafting of a plan to definitely settle jurisdictional controversies.

The convention unanimously adopted resolutions.

1. Recommending compliance with provisions of the Taft-Hartley law.
2. Recommending that the hours between 3 and 5 p.m. be non-working hours on election days.
3. Recommending that Congress finance and authorize the United States Department of Labor to make monthly reports on housing and construction work, estimates of the needed number of workers, and reports on the sales prices of houses, land, material and labor costs.
4. Endorsing the work, policies and plans of the United States Bureau of Reclamation in the development of the natural resources of the United States and the continued construction of these works.
5. Favoring full cooperation of the Federal Government with the States in dealing with water problems.
6. Recommending congressional authorization for continuation of advanced planning of public works and the advancement of finances to states for public works.

Management Hears Office Union Head

Paul R. Hutchings, international president of the AFL Office Employes International Union, was the featured speaker at Tuesday's opening session of the 18th annual Pacific Coast Management Conference. His theme was "Trade Union in the Office."

A collective bargaining clinic was held Wednesday afternoon, with a score of delegates participating.

Management experts from the East joined in the discussions of the conference.

Meetings!

TYPOGRAPHICAL 36 will hold its regular meeting at 10 a.m. Sunday, October 26, at Odd Fellows Hall, Eleventh and Franklin streets, Oakland, Secretary Jack Austin announces.

ANNOUNCEMENT OCT. 31!

In our issue of next week, on October 31, The East Bay Labor Journal expects to be able to make an announcement important to all those who are readers of this paper, or who are members of the AFL in Alameda county.

Di Giorgio Strike in 9th Week

H. A. Rahim, organizer for the AFL National Farm Labor Union, reported at the Monday night meeting of the Central Labor Council that financial aid is needed for the 1500 members of the union at the big Di Giorgio ranch in the San Joaquin Valley.

The strike is in its ninth week, he said, eight pickets have been jailed, the employers backed by the Associated Farmers refuse to negotiate, Mexican workers imported under a U.S.-Mexico agreement are being used as strikebreakers, and some workers before the strike were making as little as $6.40 a week, with 300 truck drivers getting only 90 cents an hour.

The State Federation of Labor put out an appeal for funds, urging interested unions to get in touch with Hank Hasiwar of NFLU at 252 Holland building, Fresno.

Food Clerks' New Bakery Scale

Food Clerks Local 870 has negotiated with United Employers a wage scale for members employed in the bakery industry, which is now being submitted to individual bakery establishments by United Employers.

The proposed new weekly scale is: Beginners with less than six months' experience, $39.75; regular clerks, $44.50; managing clerks, $50.

Come and Get That Money, Is Request Of Social Security

(Government Press Release)

"Monthly benefits totalling $320,500 were paid to 14,948 residents of Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano Counties in Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance payments in the month of June 1947," Victor C. Broome, manager of the Oakland Social Security Administration field office announces.

Although 14,948 residents of the three counties served by Mr. Broome's office are drawing $320,500 monthly, he is concerned over the fact that many others are losing benefits because they failed to file a claim for them. He emphasized the fact that payments under federal old age and survivors insurance are not automatic. A claim must be filed with the Social Security Administration before payment can be made.

With the United States well into the reconversion period, the Social Security Administration has not experienced as great an upsweep in the number of claims filed as some people had predicted for the period when the high employment of the war years began to drop off.

Broome pointed out, however, that there are many people who would be drawing old-age and survivors insurance payments if they realized that they were eligible. His belief is borne out by the fact that a substantial number of the people who do file a claim find that they have lost at least one month's check by not filing promptly.

For the nation as a whole in the month of June the Treasury Department paid out $35,071,472 in monthly benefits under this program. Broome explained that this total was the amount actually paid during June.

Seeing-Eye Dog for Blind Man Given by Lodge 1566 of IAM

Through the generosity of Lodge 1566, International Association of Machinists, a seeing-eye dog has been given to Lloyd Carothers, 38, 2847 West street.

The dog was secured through Guiding Eyes, Inc., of Hollis, N.Y.

Carothers, who lost the sight of one eye through infection, and of the other in an industrial accident, is the son of Mrs. Nora Carothers, a member of Lodge 1566 employed at the Marchant Calculator plant.

Carothers not only received the dog through the lodge's action, but round-trip plane fare to New York, and board and room during six weeks training with the dog, Cora, a Belgium shepherd.

Warren Langtry is president of Lodge 1566.

TYPOS TAKING T-H BRUNT



AFL TYPOS VICTIMS OF T-H CHARGE—The nation's first Taft-Hartley charge against a union for unfair labor practices resulted in this NLRB hearing in Baltimore with the International Typographical Union-AFL as defendant. The complaint—that the typos failed to bargain in good faith—may lead to the first constitutional test of that portion of the law. Grouped around Trial Examiner William Ringer are (l. to r.) Isadore Romans, Baltimore ITU attorney; Joseph Bernstein, counsel for 22 complaining employers; NLRB Counsel Sidney Barban; Gerhard Van Arkel, Washington counsel for the ITU; Earle Shaw, counsel for the employers; Jacob Edelman, attorney for the Baltimore local; and President Charles Brannock, of the Baltimore ITU local (hand on desk).—(LPA)

Control of Prices May be Needed, is State AFL Warning

Representatives of organized labor and other groups concerned over the rising cost of living testified recently in this area before a subcommittee of the Joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report.

Congress authorized the committee to hold hearings in 18 cities on prices, with a view to recommending legislation. The committee was divided into three parts, one to hold hearings in the East, one in the Midwest, and one on the Pacific Coast.

The Pacific Coast subcommittee, headed by Senator Watkins of Utah, scheduled hearings in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego. The subcommittee consists of three Senators and three Representatives.

Secretary C. J. Haggerty of the State Federation of Labor told the subcommittee that prices have far outrun wages in California.

TEN BILLIONS WITHDRAWN

Haggerty pointed out that a Federal Reserve Board study showed that there has been a ten billion dollar decline in the past year in the liquid assets of individuals, and that much of this was caused by lower income groups withdrawing their savings in order to support themselves and their families in these days of rising prices.

A continuation of this trend would have an adverse effect upon the American economy, which is dependent upon mass consumption, the Federation secretary said.

A State Federation press release, analyzing Haggerty's testimony, said:

NO CURE-ALLS

"Haggerty points out that it is difficult to propose remedies that would in effect be cure-alls for this situation. He makes it clear that it was a mistake to remove price controls at the time they were removed, and that the basic premises upon which the case for removal was made were false.

"Although it may be necessary to restore price controls in order to keep the situation in hand, he warns that there are great difficulties in the path of such action and that it will be much more difficult to restore price controls now than it would have been to maintain price controls last year.

"Merely passing price control legislation will in itself be ineffective. In order to have a successful price control program, a campaign to educate the American people on the necessity of such a program is essential, for it could not be carried out without the fullest cooperation of the American people themselves.

MAY NEED RATIONING

"Accompanying price control, Haggerty suggests the investigation of the possibility of restoring some form of rationing of scarce commodities. He suggests that the effect of voluntary rationing, such as adopted by the distilling industry and as implied in the meatless and eggless days, be tested first, and only if these programs fail should any further steps be considered."

Negro Doctor Case

Dr. DeWitt A. Buckingham, Negro member of the Permanente Hospital staff, announces he will appeal from the injunction issued by Superior Judge Leon E. Gray, restaining Dr. Buckingham and his wife from occupying their home at 22 Bridge road, Berkeley. The injunction was based on a restrictive clause in the Claremont district.

Unions Urged To End Labor Day Fund Delay

Robert Franklin, chairman of the Labor Day Committee, asked at the Central Labor Council meeting Monday that any unions which have not yet paid pledged donations for the Labor Day celebration turn in the funds promptly so that the affairs of the committee can be closed.

Officer Talks Before CLC On Navy Day Plans

Commander L. P. Wimberley spoke before the Central Labor Council Monday night on the significance of Navy Day, and gave an insight to some of the highly complex problems faced by the peacetime navy as the result of new inventions and current world problems.

Navy Day Open House will be held at the Oakland Naval Supply Center Sunday, October 26, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with combat vessels open for inspection, free boat rides, and a sham battle by the Marines.

Those going by automobile can drive right into the Naval Supply Center, with plenty of parking space for all.

Gregory Harrison And Jeff Cohelan Debate on T-H Law

The Berkeley League of Women Voters conducted a Town Forum in the Berkeley City Hall last week, featuring a debate on the Taft-Hartley Law between Gregory Harrison, corporation attorney, and Jeffery Cohelan of Milk Drivers and Dairy Employes Local 302.

Harrison led off his speech by stating that Communists had given him handbills as he entered the hall, and that these handbills declared the T-H Law should be repealed.

The attorney contended that the original Wagner Act wasn't wholly bad, but that as administered it had given labor unions an opportunity to trample not only on the rights of management and the public, but on the rights of individual workers.

"BY MAJORITY VOTE"

The new law, he argued, restored freedom of speech to management and restored to workers the right to take steps to free themselves from what he claimed was the tyranny of the closed shop.

Harrison asked what was wrong with a measure that gave workers the chance to settle things by a majority vote.

Cohelan traced the evolution of the labor movement, showing what he believed to have been the terrible conditions which prevailed before workers organized. He recited the history of coercive measures which he said had been used by government, and especially by courts, when employers had complete control and the workers were unorganized.

The labor spokesman dwelt with emphasis on the fact that under the T-H Law it is not a majority of the workers voting which settles a matter, but a majority of all the workers employed in a place.

"GENTLE HINTS"

"Gentle hints" from management, said Cohelan, would induce many workers, afraid of being fired, to stay away from the polls in a shop when collective bargaining representation was being considered, and this would automatically throw the election to management.

"If we followed this system in our American government, we'd often not even be able to elect a President," said Cohelan. "The democratic way is to have a majority of those who go to the polls settle an issue, not the majority of all eligible to vote."

The debate, and the question and answer period following it, was put out over Station KRE.

Meany May Become Acting AFL Head by May, Says Reporter

The S.F. Call-Bulletin published a story recently by Dave Jones declaring that the chances are that by May of next year William Green will become "President Emeritus" of the American Federation of Labor, and Secretary George Meany will become "Acting President."

Green will then devote his entire time to going about the country arousing public sentiment against the Taft-Hartley Law, says Jones.

Jones in his story calls attention to the fact that Meany attracted nationwide attention by his debate with John L. Lewis during the convention.

Here Is Summary Of Big AFL Convention

(Labor Press Associates)

SAN FRANCISCO—Conclusion of the AFL's stormy 66th convention here last week saw the Federation embarked as never before in its history on a swelling tide of political activity and education.

For the daily press the history of the hectic two week gathering was primarily a battle between John L. Lewis and other AFL leaders. Lewis provided the drama, which was finally climaxed by his replacement on the executive council, but the concrete achievements of the convention were measured in terms of the AFL's specific plans for repeal of the Taft-Hartley law and defeat of its Congressional supporters.

1. The convention voted to create a "Labor's Educational and Political League" with a network of state and local chapters to "further the economic and political policies of the AFL." This would be admittedly a political action group, financed by voluntary contributions of unions and individuals, organized to defeat Taft-Hartley Congressmen.

2. The convention confirmed the recommendation of its executive council to raise about $1,000,000 yearly to finance a public relations and educational program through an increase in per capita tax from 2c to 3c.

3. The convention gave the executive council power to impose an "emergency assessment" on the AFL's 7,600,000 members of 1c a week for not more than 26 weeks.

"RADICAL DEPARTURE"

Estimates on the total amount that could be raised ranged up to $3,000,000. Said President Dan Tobin, of the Teamsters, "We are levying this assessment as strictly an educational and organizational fund. But in educating the membership, of course, we will have to explain the political situation to them."

These actions were a radical departure from many of the Federation's traditional policies, AFL leaders admitted here. But they were necessitated by the gravest threat to American unionism in its history, they contended.

The $1,000,000 additional yearly income will be devoted chiefly to large scale newspaper advertising and radio broadcasts. One thing was clear: the AFL, in the plans of all its top leaders, would enter the local, state and national political arena in 1948 to an extent never known before.

However, it was made clear that the AFL's political activity would not be joined with the similar work of the CIO Political Action Committee.

"AFL-CIO UNITY REMOTE"

On the same score, AFL-CIO unity became more remote than ever as the convention decided against any united front for political purposes without full "organic unity." Said the convention, "The two organizations cannot work together in the political field while they are fighting over control of unions."

The final day of the convention saw President William Green, now 74 years old, elected by acclamation for his 24th term, and George Meany re-elected Secretary-treasurer. The only change in the executive council told the story of President John L. Lewis, of the United Mine Workers, whose union had been back in the AFL for only 18 months. Lewis was replaced by President Dan Tracy, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The shaggy-browed UMW chief gave the convention two turbulent days of name-calling and mutual denunciations when it was certain that he faced defeat on the issue of compliance with the Taft-Hartley requirement of anti-Communist affidavits.

LEWIS' SPEECH

Lewis alone had prevented the AFL executive council from signing the affidavits and thus giving NLRB protection to 1500 "federal" unions—those directly responsible to the council. When the issue came to the convention floor—in the form of an amendment to the AFL constitution to abolish the positions of 13 vice-presidents and leave only two officers, Green and Meany—Lewis was overwhelmed.

For nearly an hour Lewis assailed the amendment and his fellow officers for allegedly surrendering to the Taft-Hartley law and declared that if the motion were approved "I will not be a candidate for election to this debased board." He described the law as "the first ugly savage thrust of Fascism in America."

At his oratoric best, Lewis intoned, "The air is filled with lamentations by the great leaders of labor who wish to grovel on their bellies and crawl under this infamous act. Lions led by asses," he said derisively. "The magnificent hosts of 8,000,000 being led across the plains of America by intellectually fat and stately asses."

DISTRICT 50

Both Meany and President Dan Tobin, of the Teamsters, struck back sharply at Lewis. Meany recalled that from 1935 to 1940 Lewis "with his left hand, as president of the Miners, showed uncompromising resistance to the Communists," but "with his right hand (as head of the CIO) made fellowship with Harry Bridges, Mike Quill, Julius Emspack and other stinking American haters who love Moscow. He was a comrade of comrades, then."

Meany pointed out that "The president of the mine workers once said that Phil Murray is a prisoner of the Communists. I agree. But who walked out and left him a prisoner?"

Lewis, who stayed away from the convention with his delegation on the final day when Green, a UMW member, was re-elected, won one minor victory. The showdown fight between his catchall District 50 and other AFL unions over raiding and invasion of jurisdiction was not given to the convention to decide. Instead, it was referred to the executive council, of which Lewis is no longer a member. Thus, Lewis' predicted walkout from the AFL was deferred.

George P. Miller Reports to Labor On Congress Fight

Congressman George P. Miller made a report to Alameda county labor Monday night at the Central Labor Council meeting, telling of the uphill fight liberals have in the House of Representatives, and stressing the need for the sending of more liberals to Washington.

Liberals in Congress feel that the reactionaries misconstrued the results of the 1946 election, said Miller, and all organized labor should head a national crusade to clean house, and bring in men who do understand what the people of the United States want.

"SELFISH GROUPS"

He insisted that only by concerted determined effort could organized labor regain its political prestige.

Miller said that there are some sixty billion dollars "surplus wealth" that selfish groups wish to get their hands on, and they are willing to take steps which might lead to the wrecking of our economy in order to get it.

If employment is kept high the present government deft of some $242 millions can be handled, including the payments to veterans, but the majority in Congress pared the budget down harmfully, he contended.

"T-H LAW A HODGEPODGE"

There are now less than a hundred persons in Congress who vote with the liberal side, he pointed out, but the fight goes on, and the small liberal bloc faced up to its severe tests in the recent session.

The Taft-Hartley Law, Congressman Miller said, was a hodgepodge thrown together in emotional stress under pressure from the NAM and allied anti-labor forces.

The future rests in the hands of labor, said Miller in conclusion.

Nothing Personal

NOTES MADE ON THE CUFF AT THE AFL CONVENTION sitting around in the lobby hearing things and watching the leaders of the AFL on the Convention floor certainly make one stop and think about our labor movement and whither are we going. The "Fights" that were supposed to come out on the convention floor didn't materialize except on two occasions and on both of these John L. Lewis stole all the spotlight and got all the headlines. What amused us was the story in one of the local papers by a so-called labor "columnist" that John L. had a bodyguard surrounding him on his way to and from the platform after his dramatic Tuesday afternoon speech. We were sitting quite close as he passed by and the only bodyguards we saw were the newspaper photographers who were milling around and we don't think that any newspaperman could be classed as a bodyguard. We also heard the same story about the head of the teamsters unions, and again we saw no one near whose duty it was to "protect" the labor leaders. We have always wondered just what labor leaders needed a bodyguard for, if and when they have them. Is it to protect them from other labor leaders or are they there to protect them from their own membership? . . . We wonder and we'll bet that you do too . . . **The funniest incidents to our way of thinking occurred during the nominations of officers on Friday and during the "communist affidavit" fight on Tuesday . . . During the nominations speeches, one delegate made a beautiful speech about his candidate and wound up by stating that he wanted to nominate him for the Eighth RACE . . . and it was easy to see then just where that delegate had spent the two previous weeks . . .** The only side-splitting and yet tragic statement made during the week was when the portly and (ahem) powerful leader of an International Union stood up on the convention floor and made the bold face statement that his union were not seccessionists, that they believed in staying in an organization and trying to do their best to clean up the situation . . . or words to that effect . . . and, we are still wondering just whointhehell was trying to kid who . . . Certainly the Alameda County delegates got a big kick in the pants out of that one . . . **It was a pleasure to sit and watch the "small name" leaders of unions as they moved in and about the convention floor during the two week session . . . No fanfare . . . no photographers . . . No long speeches, No musclemen around . . . No nothing . . . just sitting there tending to their own business and seeing that their local unions are making progress for the rank and file members . . .** While the big boys grabbed the headlines and the pictures, it is the little fellows like the newsboy from Seattle and the Federal Union member from Milwaukee that are out in the field every day doing a job for not only the labor movement but their own people as well . . . and I guess that you can class those people as the real backbone of the American labor movement . . . **And . . . speaking of doing a good job . . . Local 1566 of the Machinists certainly did an excellent job in public relations for all of the labor movement when they purchased a "seeing eye" dog for a blind son of a member of theirs. The warm hearted action of Lodge 1566 got quite a play in the newspapers and the officers certainly deserve a cheer from the rest of the labor movement for a job well done . . .** and that brings to mind that Lodge 1546 . . . The Auto Mechanics have always done an excellent job of public relations . . . their donation to the Boy Scouts of some hundreds of acres in the Livermore hills for a wilderness camp is still being commented about by all scouts and leaders in the scout movement. It was a civic job well done and maybe that's a trait of the Machinists lodges that we could all well, emulate . . . **And speaking real personally . . . to those who wish personal Christmas cards for the holiday season . . . The Journal Press at 1236 Second avenue has a swell stock of Union Labeled Christmas cards . . . They can be seen at the Journal Press office at the above address between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and you'll have to make it snappy if you want any because at the rate they are going they won't last long.**

7 Cities in County Have April Elections; Many Are Unregistered

Four months from now, on February 25, 1948, registration closes for elections to be held in seven cities of Alameda county in April, 1948.

It is estimated that more than 200,000 eligible persons in the county are at present not registered, and of course some thousands of these persons live in the seven cities which hold their elections in April.

Here are the seven cities: Albany, Emeryville, Hayward, Livermore, Piedmont, Pleasanton, and San Leandro.

Figures assembled by those interested in seeing to it that all labor people in the seven cities register indicate that there is at present a total of less than 27,000 registered in all seven places.

THOUSANDS MUST REGISTER

Going by the proportion for the county as a whole between those registered and those eligible but not registered, it is safe to assume that there are a good many thousands, perhaps 15,000 or so, who are residents of those seven cities yet are not registered, and won't get a chance to vote in the April elections unless they do register by February 25.

Telephone calls to officials of the seven cities failed to get absolutely certain lists of those who are coming up before the voters in April. But, subject to possible correction here and there the list of offices to be voted on in April seems to be:

LIST OF ELECTIONS

ALBANY—Mayor, 2 Councilmen, City Clerk, City Treasurer; 35 precincts, and at present 6587 registered.

EMERYVILLE—Mayor, a Councilman, City Clerk, City Treasurer; 7 precincts, and 1043 registered.

HAYWARD—3 Councilmen, City Treasurer, City Clerk; 18 precincts, 2727 registered.

LIVERMORE—2 Councilmen, City Treasurer, City Clerk; 8 precincts, 1249 registered.

PIEDMONT Mayor, Commissioner of Fire and Police Departments; 31 precincts, 5530 registered.

PLEASANTON—2 or possibly 3 Councilmen, City Clerk; 3 precincts, 586 registered.

SAN LEANDRO—3 Councilmen, 3 School Board Members; 55 precincts, 8734 registered.

157 PRECINCTS

In the seven places there is a total of 157 precincts, it will be noted. Those interested in getting out a good labor vote point out that a great deal of organizing work, precinct by precinct, is therefore involved, if labor is to make any real showing in these April municipal election.

But the urgent immediate problem, all hands interested in these elections insist, is to get all eligible persons registered.

County Clerk G. E. Wade says that he will not name deputy registrars until after January 1, but it has been suggested to him that unless deputies are chosen earlier than that date, there is a strong chance that many eligible persons in these seven cities will not be registered by February 25, and will therefore be unable to vote in the April elections.

The Board of Supervisors is being asked to appropriate the money necessary for a registration drive, and increase the payment per registration from 5 to 10 cents.

Inside News

—from Correspondents in our Unions and Auxiliaries

STEAMFITTERS' NOTES, No. 342

At last I have gathered enough material to make a column. The local unions of the Bay Area have been very busy the last few weeks entertaining the officers and delegates of the U. A. who are attending the A.F.L. convention in San Francisco . . . On October 13, in San Jose, the 17 local unions in the northern area entertained the delegates with a dinner dance. President Durkin was the guest of honor. Members of 342 were well represented with Bros. Earl Gibson, John Davy, Jim Martin, Jim O'Donnel, Hershal Mays, Willard Scott, Curly Davis, C. D. Gibbons, Don Fowler, and yours truly.

At our last meeting a group of the U. A. delegates were present, and short talks were given by Vice President Harry Ames, Organizers Billy Oniel, Jack Spaulding, and Bros. Gillard, Bronlow, and Callahan. In their talks they stressed the need of organizing the Piping Industry, and the methods that are being used to do the job. Brother Spaulding explained the signing of the A. G. C. contract . . . I noticed that Bro. Jim Saunders has returned from his vacation, and that Bro. John Oxman is back in the area after touring the U. S. A. for two years . . . I also noticed Bro. Don Fowler sporting a cane. Could be that his jitter bugging in San Jose was more than the body could stand . . . Arrangements are being made to start a brushup course for members of our local. The course of study will include the conventional types of heating systems and the latest methods of piping and controls. Anyone interested can have their name included in the roster by contacting either of the Business Agents, but do it immediately so arrangements can be completed. . . . November 6th is our next meeting, and its another special one . . . Special for three reasons . . . First, because several important resolutions pertaining to our election must be acted on . . . Second, it will be first nomination of officers for the coming year? . . . Third, it will be the annual politico beer bust. Seems like everyone agrees on a beer bust on nomination nights . . . Try and attend.

Fraternally yours,
LES SILVEIRA

DRESSING ROOM CHATTER

The next regular meeting will be held tomorrow morning, Saturday October 25th at 10 a.m. upstairs from the business office. It will facilitate the prompt starting of the meeting if you have your last paid-up receipt or membership card ready to show the Sergeant-at-Arms as you enter the meeting hall.

Dues notices for the new quarter, starting November 1st are now in the mail. Dues become delinquent November 10th, and subject to a late payment fine of 25c for each week or fraction of a week after that time that they remain unpaid.

The late payment fine is a minor penalty when compared with a penalty that may be inflicted on others than the delinquent members. We specifically refer to the fact that in the event of the death of a paid-up member in good standing, their beneficiary is entitled to a payment of two-hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00) from the union Death Benefit Fund. However that member must have been in good financial standing for six months prior to their death. Therefore a member who allows his dues to become delinquent may be depriving his beneficiary of this benefit because of thoughtfulness. 25c a week or a fraction thereof at the most will only add up to three dollars if you wait until the last day of the quarter to pay your dues, but remember a penalty of $250.00 inadvertently assessed against your loved ones is a different matter.

Incidentally do you have a card listing your beneficiary on file in the union office? If not, obtain one. If so, have any circumstances changed that should have caused you to file a change of beneficiary? Sometimes the beneficiary may have died or have become incompetent, due to illness to act for you. Have you married or been divorced since filing your last beneficiary card? Do you have a minor listed as your beneficiary? A safe rule to follow is to ask yourself: "In the event of my death, would the person I now have listed be easily located by the union business office, and if so would they use the benefit payment in the manner that I would approve of?"

There is no charge for changing your beneficiary and no limit to the number of times it may be changed. Since April 1946, participation in the Death Benefit Fund has been limited to those members who have not passed their 50th birthday at the time they entered or were reinstated in the union.

Up and down the aisle . . . This week should see a shift in the Laws-Blumenfeld managerial set-up with Hugh (Mother) Jones, replacing Ed Gates at the Roxie, while Ed takes over the reins from Warren Pechner at the Esquire, who in turn will return to his old pre-war spot at the T&D . . . Helen Loeschke Kirwan, who just bowed out of the U. A. in Berkeley will be altar bound this week . . . Juanita (Luis) Banks of the Orpheum is scheduled to take a second honeymoon in Mexico this month . . . John Cooper of the Tower says to be sure and reserve the night of December 11th . . . Bill Gault former T&D doorman and Jean Baynton, former paramount usherette were married last Sunday . . . Upton Glenn has replaced Walter Milestone at the Campus in Berkeley . . . Upton was assistant to Frank Burhans at the Paramount some years ago and was more recently in S. F. . . .Milestone reportedly resigned . . . Unconfirmed rumors are flying department: That Dick Figeroid, veteran T&D night doorman and Jean Young, formerly of the same house were recently wed . . . To the members who ordered pictures of the Labor Day Parade: Your copy is waiting to be picked up at the union office any time during regular office hours.

MACHINISTS' AUXILIARY No. 97

All members attention! Make October 25th a date to join together to attend our Fall Whist held at the Labor Temple. A lovely barrel of groceries will be awarded to the lucky sister or brother holding the winning number. Brother Chris Dixon will conduct the whist party and under his efficient leadership I know each of us will have a delightful time.

The Ways and Means plus Xmas party committee met at the home of Vice President Eva Hare. All plans were made for our activities through 1947. Those present were President Celia Stavros, Sisters Marie Dixon, Pauline Tomsic, Cora Ichor, Naomi Vercelli, Evelyn Gerholdt, Mildred Stephenson and myself. Our hostess Eva had lucious refreshments and we all departed for home happy and somewhat "top heavy" from eating to much. No use gals to even talk of dieting when tempting food is served.

Sister Evelyn Gerholdt has gone to visit her mother in Fresno County.

I received a card from P. P. Mabel Balli and she is having a wonderful time in Kansas.

Hope all our aged sisters and shut-ins are improving in health and we think of you real often.

LOIS L. GIRARD,
Press Correspondent.

PAST PRESIDENTS' CLUB No. 97

The past presidents met at the home of Sister Marie Dixon Friday evening. Our club president Mabel Balli being absent Olive Harvey will be presiding officer Past Presidents night. Plans were discussed to make the evening a gala affair. Marie, as always a charming hostess, served delicious refreshments and we sat around the dining table until quite a late hour. Brother Chris and Brother Dick Girard joined us later after attending a show. Our next meeting will be at the home of P. P. Evelyn Gerholdt, November 21st.

Sister Olive and Brother Tom Harvey has returned from a vacation through Washington and Oregon.

LOIS L. GIRARD,
Press Correspondent.

LABOR TEMPLE AUXILIARY

Meeting will be November 4, and we have hopes of having a grand attendance. Anyone who didn't bring in their donations for the hamper, I'll be on hand to receive them. It has room for a lot more girls.

Red Cross meetings, won't take up until the first of the year there is no hand sewing at the present.

Victoria Braves and her husband were in an automobile accident. Let's give her a shower of cards.

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Employment Rises In County During September, But—!

(Employment Service Release)

The upward swing in employment continues in Alameda County although some tendency to level off was shown in September.

Information from reporting establishments indicates that the slight decreases in durable goods manufacturing which occurred were offset by gains in non-durable goods.

Food products industries (other than seasonal food processing), and printing and publishing establishments were the major contributors to these increases.

Wholesale and retail trade were in the main responsible for employment gains in the non-manufacturing expansion, reflects the adjustment of retail establishments to the five day work week.

Further gains in this industry will result from seasonal hiring in retail trade for the Christmas period which will be followed by post-holiday lay-offs.

Several employers expect some expansion after the first of the year following either completion of new premises or removal of present heavy inventories.

SMALL FIRMS HIRING

Information based upon local office reports indicates continued activity in the smaller industrial and commercial establishments with increased hiring. The number of job orders from the small business employer has been rising over a two month period.

RETRENCHMENTS

Minor retrenchment is more in evidence in service establishments such as technical laboratories, some restaurants and cafes. These employers, as well as employees who have been laid off, report curtailment of staff because of reductions in the public's purchasing power following the increased cost of living.

MALE SALES CLERKS

Demand for male workers in retail sales establishments is increasing. Men of 21 years of age and up, are reluctant to accept jobs paying less than $200 per month. Likewise they are averse to accepting sales jobs unless there is some guarantee, drawing account, or salary, plus a car allowance if an automobile is required.

AGE LIMITS SET

Restrictive age limits are affecting all classifications of workers, the "white collar" worker in particular. Established age specifications are rigidly adhered to by employers who usually refuse to consider an applicant, regardless of qualifications, who has passed the specified age.

BUILDING COSTS

Building costs and minor materials shortages continue to restrict employment expansion in construction. At present the supply of skilled and unskilled workers is adequate to meet labor needs forecast.

Local offices report that job orders for construction and maintenance workers overseas are drawing off any labor surplus that may exist.

NON-WHITE WORKERS

One of the major placement problems of local Alameda County C.S.E.S. offices is the non-white worker. Although 25 percent of the applicants contacting the local offices seeking employment are non-white, these workers received 13.9 percent of the total placements.

Key Franchise

Virtual agreement has been reached that for the next five years Key System will pay $45,000 a year to the City of Oakland for its franchise, instead of the current $17,000 a year; and that after five years, it will pay $90,000 annually.

Murray Takes Left Winger On At Convention

BOSTON (LPA)—Philip Murray, with the soft Scotch burr that's been known to make a delegate wither, saved his most penetrating crack to interrupt a Communist-line speech attacking the Marshall Plan, at the CIO convention.

James Kehoe, of the American Communications Association, had said, "When we have a right to criticize American foreign policy let us really mean it."

Murray broke in sharply on the oration, to inquire tellingly: "I assume you also believe that the heroes of Stalingrad have the right to take the rostrum and criticize their own government."

All Aboard for Big Open House Sunday, Is Navy Day Invite

(Navy Press Release)

Residents of Northern California are invited today to attend the gigantic Navy Day Open House at the Oakland Naval Supply Center on Sunday, October 26th from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Visitors were promised an entertaining, exciting, colorful and thrill-packed afternoon. Among the Navy's combat vessels which will be at the Center for the public to go aboard and inspect are the cruiser "Los Angeles," the destroyer "Maddox" and the submarine "Bergal." In addition, many exhibits and special events will round out a streamlined program.

Free boat rides around the Bay and a sham battle by the Marines are two of the items.

Music will be provided by the Sixth Army Band from the Presidio and a hilarious 1½ hour revue of professional entertainment has been lined up for the enjoyment of Open House guests.

Radar, walkie-talkies, wire recorders, giant storehouses of Navy supplies, captured Jap equipment, carrier planes, jet engines, a gun repair shop and a large coffee roasting plant are also included in the Open House program.

All transbay trains stop at the Oakland Naval Supply Center and visitors will be able to drive their cars right into the world's largest Naval Supply installation for Navy Day Open House, with plenty of parking space for everybody.

V. F. W. Dance

With 23,000 Veterans of Foreign Wars, 14th district, assisted by members of the auxiliaries, shoulders to the wheel, the 2nd annual Armistice Ball, Saturday night, November 8th, Oakland Municipal Auditorium, promises to be an outstanding success, according to Frank Sullivan, general chairman of the event.

Demand the Union Label on your wearing apparel. Ask for Union clerks.

Laundry Workers' Wage in Bay Area Analyzed by BLS

(Department of Labor Release)

Wages paid to employes in San Francisco and Oakland power laundries were among the highest in major U.S. cities in July, 1947. This fact was revealed today in a report by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, released here by William A. Bledsoe, Regional Director.

Stationary boiler firemen received, on the average, $1.63 cents per hour in July of this year. Extractor operators were paid an average of $1.22 and machine washers $1.38 per hour. Nearly three-fourths of the men included in the study were paid at least $1.25 per hour.

WOMEN'S PAY

Among women laundry workers the highest average rate was paid to bundle wrappers—$1.05 per hour. Retail receiving clerks received an average of 94 cents per hour, machine shirt pressers 93 cents and machine flatwork finishers 85 cents. Few of the women included in the study were paid less than 75 cents per hour.

In the last two years straight time rates of both men and women have increased slightly less than 30 percent for the jobs surveyed, Bledsoe said.

VACATION CLAUSE

Among the 33 cities included in the Bureau's July 1947 studies average hourly earnings of machine washers ranged from 63 cents to $1.42; extractor operators from 48 cents to $1.28; bundle wrappers from 34 cents to $1.05; machine shirt pressers from 39 to 93 cents; and machine flatwork finishers from 33 to 89 cents.

Almost all San Francisco plants granted employes with one year of service a one-week vacation with pay, Bledsoe said. Paid holiday leave for six or more days during each year was also allowed by most laundries.

Governor Appoints Crime Study Board

Governor Warren announces the appointment of the first of five commissions authorized by the 1947 Legislature to investigate crime conditions.

(Editor's Note: A retired Admiral, some business moguls, a retired General, and an attorney or so—but no representative of organized labor.)

Anti-Red Booed

Jan Ciechanowski, who resigned as Polish ambassador to the U.S. when the present pro-Soviet Polish government was recognized, spoke before 4000 University of California students on the Berkeley campus Monday, opposing further "appeasement of Russia." When some of the students booed, President Sproul rebuked them, pointing out this is one country where freedom of speech exists.

M'Donald Denounces Interests Opposing Limit to 160 Acres

President Frank C. McDonald of the State Building and Construction Trades Council said in an address at the recent convention of the Building and Construction Trades Department of the AFL:

"Here in California the government is building the great Central Valley Project, a huge undertaking that means so much to every California working man. This project, when completed, will harness and put to work every major stream in Central Valley—for irrigation, flood control, power, domestic and industrial use.

"This timely and far-sighted program has the united support of the workmen of California and of the West. The plain people support it, but a selfish and highly vocal minority of big land and power interests already are out to sabotage and seize its vast benefits for themselves. The Central Valley owners of great vineyards, cotton plantations and other big farms want repeal of the Reclamation Law's time-tested provisions that project water can be supplied in equal amounts to all land owners, big and little, that is, 160 acres worth of water to each and all.

"We call upon labor to help us preserve the benefits of these great public works for all the people—the workers, the small farmers and the consumers who must have low-cost water, food and electricity. We are firmly convinced that a wise and democratic land and power policy for the Nation will be maintained, or will be destroyed, right here in California. We pledge ourselves to do our part to maintain such a National policy."

Labor Fetes Bishop

President John F. Shelley of the State Federation of Labor was the guest speaker at a testimonial banquet in San Francisco Tuesday for the Most Reverend Hugh A. Donohoe, newly consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco. The banquet was sponsored by the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, of which Father Donohoe has long been chaplain.

Freight Rates

The State Public Utilities Commission has commended hearings on an application by California railways for a 10 percent temporary increase intrastate, local and joint freight rates. The Interstate Commerce Commission authorized such an increase for interstate rates October 6.

John L. Lewis Paper Backs Typographers

The United Mine Workers Journal in an editorial vigorously supports the "no contract" policy of the International Typographical Union, and criticizes "the publishers who pinned their hopes in the NAM-Taft-Hartley Law as an outlet for their desire to dismember the Typographical Union and operate on an open shop basis."

Such publishers, the UMW Journal says, will very soon be glad to return to relations with the ITU, and "will also probably welcome the reestablishment of the post of Chairman of the Chapel, who, to a degree, maintains the kind of discipline that is essential to a well conducted composing room. The publishers will be glad to hear the Chapel Chairman again chant 'ye can't.'"

City of Eden

Fred Cox, president of the Hayward Area, Chamber of Commerce, recently made a radio address urging citizens of 17 communities in the southern end of Alameda county to hold meetings and discuss the proposal, made in April, that these communities combine to form one city named Eden.

Factual Study of Alcoholism at UC

A scientific and factual study of alcoholism will be held in San Francisco and on the Berkeley campus of the University of California, when a three-day Institute on Alcoholic Studies is presented October 22, 23, and 24.

The Institute is described by University authorities as one of a nationwide series of educational programs designed to emphasize the fact that alcoholism is a health and not a moral problem. The lectures will be open to the public. Enrollment fee for the entire series is $5.00. Single admissions will be sold for $1.00.

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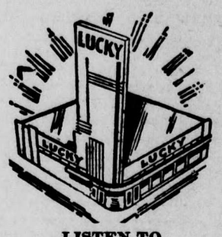
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U. S. Labor News

TAFT-HARTLEY TROUBLES

Hearing on NLRB Counsel Denham's charge AFL typographers violated T-H Law by refusal to bargain in good faith gets under way in Baltimore, ITU President Randolph testifying union cannot give up closed shop, as letting non-union men into composing rooms would result in "absolute destruction" of the union.

Senator Taft says AFL has no right to make assessment to fight T-H Law, that only voluntary contributions are legal.

Picketed by CIO at Dayton, Ohio, Taft says: "Picket lines look familiar. Glad to see my labor friends."

STRIKES AND STRUGGLES

AFL Convention in S. F. ends, with no decision on Hollywood jurisdictional dispute, Executive Council preparing to set up new educational and political organization, and John L. Lewis' District 50 disputes with other AFL unions passed back to the disputants.

CIO Convention in Boston calls for "prompt aid" for Western Europe and applauds speech by Secretary of State Marshall in which he says entire American way of life in danger unless Western Europe saved from collapse.

CIO-PAC Director Jack Kroll says CIO and PAC staying out of any third party more.

Petrillo announces AFL Musicians Union will make no recordings of any sort after December 31, as they are "destroying themselves" by doing such work.

Business News

PRODUCTION

88,000 New Homes begun by private builders in September, BLS reports, beating all months on record except one during the 1925 construction boom.

Not One Ship under construction after March of next year, President Smith of Shipbuilders Council estimates. Only 10 new ship construction jobs in U. S. since July 1946.

Low Production, high income period feared coming by business economists meeting in Chicago. They warn business should watch for signs of an economic "decline."

PRICES

Wheat $3.38 a bushel in sale of one carload in Midwest, smashing all records. December wheat futures on exchange at $3.00.

Living Costs in mid-August one percent higher than month before, BLS reports, and 160% of what they were in 1935-39.

Wholesale Price index kept by Associated Press on 35 commodities 195% of what it was in 1926.

Bread Up in many cities, bakers blaming rise of wheat on exchange.

U. S. C. of C. President Shreve says in 1939 currency and bank check money in U. S. stood at $33 billions, now at $109 billions, and that this is cause of high prices.

PROFITS

Corporation Profits greater in rate, says Department of Commerce, during first half of 1947 than in last quarter of '46; and much higher than in war years when held down by excess profits tax.

Stocks, after nearly two weeks of small advances, began hesitating again this week.

A T & T Net Profits $8.20 a share year ending September 30, with full $9 a share dividend expected earned soon because of actual and expected rate increases.

Some PG&E Bonds recently issued at $100 par value sold as low as 98½. Attributed to competition for insurance companies' money by big corporations issuing bonds for expansion. This is shoving up interest rate on such use of insurance money.

The Government

FOOD, FOREIGN AID

Congress Leaders summoned by President to confer Thursday on European aid crisis, possible special session of Congress.

Poultrymen confer with Citizens' Food Committee Chairman Luckman on possible elimination of Poultryless Thursday, bakers promise to feature smaller loaves to save wheat, Truman says rationing and price control often considered marks of a "police state," and food saving program very spotily observed throughout nation.

$20 Billions Aid program suggested by 16 nations of Western Europe could be achieved by U. S. without undue hardship, says Interior Secretary Krug.

GENERAL

Hollywood "Red" Probe launched by House Un-American Activities Committee in Washington, with charges and protests filling the air, and U. S. Senator Pepper advising subpoenaed witnesses not to answer some of the questions.

Arabian Oil Field development should have priority for defense reasons, says Secretary of Defense Forrestal.

Will Clayton, Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs, resigns.

POLITICS

Wallace, starting trip to Palestine, says former Secretary of State Byrnes responsible for having him fired as Secretary of Commerce; estimates that GOP ticket of Eisenhower and Stassen would cut Truman to winning of 12 states or maybe only 10 in 1948 election.

Senator Taft, by advocating a public housing program, is "lined up with Communism," says H. U. Nelson, executive vice-president of National Association of Real Estate Boards.

World Peace

UNITED NATION

Balkan Commission of 11 nations set up by UN Assembly by vote of 40 to 6 over Russia's protest, to watch Greek border and prevent invasion by Communist countries to north. U. S. delegate hints that if two-thirds of Assembly approves, it may use troops to protect Greece.

Korean Plan proposed by U. S., throwing overboard two-year trusteeship and calling for removal of U. S. and Soviet troops after elections held, rejected by Soviet delegate.

EUROPE

DeGaulle, advocate of strong anti-Communist policy, polls for his candidates 40% of French vote in municipal elections all over country, largest percentage won by any party, startling the Communists, who demand that Socialists unite with them to prevent a dictatorship by DeGaulle.

Many Communists Shot by Greek army commanders. U. S. Commissioner Griswold in Greece announces he has discovered large supplies have been hidden to keep up prices, and that this discovery will affect future American planning.

British Parliament reopens, with Labor Government announcing intention to demand a cut in power of House of Lords to hold up legislation, Churchill protesting this is "social aggression."

ASIA

Manchurian Capital, Changchun, thrown into darkness as wires cut by approaching Communist army, sound of whose gunfire can be heard by Changchun residents.

Singapore general strike protests British plan to establish a relatively free Malayan Federation, but with Singapore retained as a separate colony.

LATIN-AMERICA

Cuban Government declares proposed Communist general strike was a failure.

Relations with Russia broken by Chile and Brazil.

Mayoralty Battle Nearing Climax on West Side of Bay

With the November 4 municipal election in San Francisco close at hand, the three candidates for Mayor were very active this week.

Congressman Franck R. Havenner, the candidate endorsed by the Union Labor Party, political arm of the Central Labor Council, challenged Superior Judge Elmer Robinson to repudiate effectively reports that he is backed by "open town" interests.

Judge Robinson claimed to have some labor support, and a statement for Robinson signed by Tony Noriega, Vic Swanson, and others, was widely circulated.

Chester R. MacPhee, the third candidate, hammered both the others, claiming that if Havenner won, the radical labor element would dominate, and that if Robinson won the "open town" interests would rule.

The general estimate was that the fight lay largely between Havenner and Robinson. But both the Chronicle and the News were plugging hard for MacPhee, said to have much support from the "downtown" group.

Republicans Asking Gov. Warren to Run

Governor Earl Warren has been asked by the executive committee of the Republican State Central Committee to authorize the placing of his name in nomination for the Presidency at the Republican national convention next June.

The Governor said he would have no comment to make until he received officially any communication the State Central Committee wished to make.

Chest Pledge Sent To Building Trade Men By Reynolds

(The following letter has been sent out to members of the building trades unions by Jack Reynolds, business representative of the Alameda County Building and Construction Trades Council.)

It has long been the hope of the Community Chest and of our affiliated Unions,, that we might be able to give SPECIAL HONORS to the Building and Construction Trades through a solicitation program that would prove to the public our determination to cooperate in all things having to do with the welfare of our people, individually and as a rapidly expanding and civic spirited community.

The tardy organization of this committee, however,—due so largely to circumstances throughout the early part of the year and quite beyond our control, but of which we are all aware,—prevented early organization pointing toward a really competent program.

We of the Building and Construction Trades are well aware that our members are not normally employed by any one contractor throughout the year,—that our places of employment vary largely upon the demand for our services and that the term of employment depends upon the size of the job on which we, as craftsmen, are engaged.

SUBSTITUTE PLAN

Your opportunity of giving your own substantial aid to the Red Feather Services for which the Community Chest puts on its annual campaign,—(thus preventing 33 separate drives that would otherwise harass us and in the end cost us, as individuals, much more),—has therefore been greatly restricted. We know that you know that these services belong to you, are yours to use in case of real need, and that you are ready to aid in their support, ALL OF US ARE.

In lieu of a better and more thorough program, which cannot be used this year because of the restricted time element, we are submitting this substitute plan and we ask that you contact the management representative of any contractor or sub contractor for whom you may be working at the time of this writing, and carry on as follows:

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2—If you are aware that your present term of employment will not permit that carrying out of the weekly deduction schedule as outlined above,—advise him that you would like to have him deduct from your pay check for the week beginning October 20th, the sum of $6.00 $8.00 or $10.00, as you choose.

3—Request him to remit your contribution to your local Community Chest within a week after such deduction has been made and obtain from him a receipt or other notification or identification that such deduction has been ordered.

PLEDGE CARDS

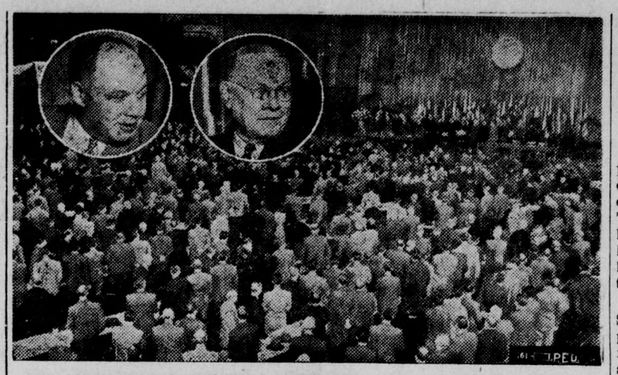
In the meantime your Committee will do its best to contact management itself, asking it to cooperate with you in this offer of support.

Fill out the enclosed pledge card, sign it to authorize the deductions you desire and turn it over to your present employer—AND PLEASE LET US KNOW AT THIS OFFICE WHEN THIS HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

Arrangements have already been made to give newspaper and other publicity,—as well as credit for your contributions,—to our Building and Construction Trades department. WE SINCERELY REQUEST THAT YOU DO YOUR BEST. The Red Feather Services are as necessary as they are right. They're doing a swell job for all of us. We must do everything in our power to assist the needy, the aged and the children of our community. To be a good citizen we must help others to help themselves.

Dewey on Food

NEW YORK (LPA)—Speaking at the initial meeting of the New York State food commission, Governor Thomas E. Dewey said that he opposed state control of food prices because such control would keep meat from coming into the state. The commission is now mapping plans to help New Yorkers conserve food.



AFL NOW HAS ONLY TWO OFFICERS—By an overwhelming majority the AFL's 66th convention, shown assembled above, voted to amend its constitution to eliminate 13 vice-presidents and leave the Federation with two officers (inset) President William Green and Secretary-treasurer George Meany. The action was admittedly aimed at Vice-president John L. Lewis, whose refusal to sign the Taft-Hartley anti-Communist affidavits blocked all AFL unions from using the NLRB. protection, said AFL spokesmen, are the 290,009 members of unions affiliated directly to the executive council.—(LPA)

Calls Issued For State Federation Political Sessions

(State Federation Service)

The regular quarterly meeting of the Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor will convene in Eureka on October 25-26. This meeting will concern itself especially with the campaigns to reapportion the State Senate and to oppose the legislators, both state and federal, who have registered opposition to labor.

Final plans for these campaigns will be completed and ready for submission to the conference of representatives of all Councils to be held in Fresno on Saturday, November 8, at 10:00 a.m., in the Californian Hotel.

Notification of this Conference of Councils has been sent to all the affiliated councils by C. J. Haggerty, Secretary of the Federation.

The initiation of this campaign was decided upon by action of the last two conventions of the California State Federation of Labor. The proposed initiative measure, to be titled and placed on the 1948 ballot through obtaining the required number of valid signatures, will be submitted to the delegates assembled, for their opinions.

Since this will mark the beginning of one of the most important campaigns which the labor movement in California has been called upon to wage, it is vitally important that all the councils send representatives to the conference.

State Takes Risk Out of Employing Handicapped Worker

Employers were reminded in connection with National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, October 5 to 11, that the State of California has taken all of the risk out of hiring disabled workers.

The state's little-publicized Second Injury Law, passed by the Legislature in 1945, exempts employers from any additional responsibility under workmen's compensation insurance in case a physically handicapped worker is further disabled while on the job.

The Governor's Committee for the handicapped points out, however, that physically handicapped workers are actually less likely to nave accidents than normal employees. Statistics show also that there is less absenteeism, tardiness and turnover than among the able-bodied workers. The handicapped expect no favors and produce as well or better than the average.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

Dunn of Assembly's Educational Group Tells School Needs

Assemblyman Francis Dunn, Jr., a member of Painters Local 127, who has a 100 percent record of voting for organized labor's measures since he was elected in 1943, told the Southern Council Tax Committee of the State Chamber of Commerce recently some of the facts he has gathered as chairman of the Interim Committee on Education.

Dunn told the group that a survey made by the Department of Education and reported to the Interim Committee on Education had developed the fact that school districts throughout the state faced costs in excess of seventy five million dollars over their ability to finance buildings needed to house the present school population.

In the face of this and the twenty million dollars made available to impoverished districts by the 1947 legislature will hardly scratch the surface of need for added school facilities, he said.

"Even where school districts have been able to go ahead and build, construction has never kept pace with population growth." he pointed out. "We are almost assured of doubling our present school population in less than ten years" Dunn added.

Courses in Labor Law Recommended By the Federation

(State Federation Service)

Evening courses on various aspects of labor law are now being offered by the Extension Division of the University of California. These will deal with the Taft-Hartley Act, the old National Labor Relations Act, and the legal and legislative background of these important statutes.

A course in Collective Bargaining Systems will deal with methods and procedures in labor relations as carried on in a number of industries and will, in addition, discuss conciliation and arbitration of labor disputes.

Another course, Techniques of Collective Bargaining, will also be of interest to many labor union officials and others concerned with such responsibilities.

The classes are held at 540 Powell Street, San Francisco. Further information can be obtained by telephoning AShberry 3-0902.

Bakery Drivers in Wage Negotiations

Bakery Drivers and Salesmen's Local 432 is in negotiation with the East Bay Bakers Club, employers' organization, for changes in the contract which expired September 30.

Paul Fuhrer of Local 432 said the principal point of difference is wages.

"We've got to keep up with the cost of living," said Fuhrer.

Manufacturing Jobs Increase In Bay Region

Excluding canning, which is subject to wide seasonal fluctuations, the number of wage earners in manufacturing industries in the Bay Area in September was moderately above the level of a year ago.

The number of production workers in industries other than canning was 111,800 in September this year, compared with 111,100 in September of last year.

The figures were given out by Paul Scharrenberg, State Director of Industrial Relations.

New Building For AFL Sailors May Be Stopped by Bridge

Harry Lundeberg, leader of the Sailors Union of the Pacific and the International Seafarers Union, has protested to the State authorities against a demand that construction be stopped on the $1,000,000 building at Fremont and Harrison streets, planned to house the sailors' union headquarters.

The stoppage of construction was asked because the State wishes to make test borings at the site for one of the bridge routes that has been proposed. If the bridge is built along the socalled "twin bridge" route, the sailors' building site would have to be used, State representatives claimed, for the western bridgehead.

4-County Butchers Seek 40-hour Week

AFL Butchers' Union locals in Santa Clara, Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties have opened negotiations for reducing the work week from 48 to 40 hours. They ask for an hourly pay increase, but the total for the proposed shorter week would be $73, somewhat less than the total for the present work week.

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Her address is 3472 39th Ave., Oakland.

Rosemary Padfield has also been on the sick list, and I understand she will be going back to the hospital.

Birthdays are: October 20th, Dorothy Whitmarch, 1770 Broadway; October 23rd, Irene Hultgren, 141 Bellview.

Anniversaries: Pauline Tomsic, 2866 E 9th St., October 23rd.

Success and Happiness to all of you.

November 3rd is the birthday of Louise Endsley, 21400 Meekland Ave., Hayward, also November 5th the anniversary of Mildred Money, 829 45th St.

Good luck to you girls also.

Hope to see you at meeting.

THELMA RIZZO

Lewis in Checkup

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, went to a San Francisco hospital after the AFL convention, was given a checkup, and declared to be in excellent physical condition. John O'Leary, a UMW vice-president, is suffering from a heart attack.

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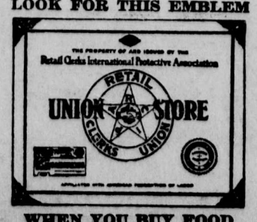
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AFL CHIEFS MAY HAVE STRUCK OUT 3 TIMES BUT THE GAME ISN'T OVER

The American Federation of Labor convention which concluded its two-week session in San Francisco recently had on its agenda three very large problems:

1—Jurisdictional disputes within the AFL itself;

2—The division of labor between the AFL and the CIO;

3—The need for unified political action by labor;

Nothing was accomplished on jurisdictional disputes.

The Hollywood battle, which has raged for a very long time, and which was one of the reasons cited repeatedly for some tough clauses of the Taft-Hartley Law, was simply referred to the Executive Council. In other words, it was evaded.

The jurisdictional disputes of many unions with John L. Lewis' District 50 were referred back to John L. Lewis and the unions which are quarreling with him.

The division of labor between the AFL and the CIO was scarcely dealt with at all. President Green announced that he was rejecting President Murray's oft-repeated proposal that the two federations work together politically even if they are not united organically, and that was that.

As for unified political action by labor, not only was there no evidence at the convention that the two federations would cooperate against labor's political enemies, but there was indeed very little evidence that the AFL itself would work in a large-scale unified way at the coming elections.

Some money is to be raised for radio programs which will compete with soap operas, and there will be an increased flow of propaganda from AFL headquarters in Washington. But beyond that, not much.

So if one were inclined to be pessimistic, one might say that the convention, or the top leaders who controlled it, went to bat three times—and struck out three times. Who won the inning?

But those who have been with the labor movement a long time know that things aren't really as bad as they seem. An AFL convention is a highly official affair, and the sentiment of the vast number of underlying duespayers doesn't by any means get full expression.

On all three of the major issues enumerated, we are convinced, from long observation of the labor movement, that the local unions, and the fundamental membership, are going to do better than the convention did.

Take jurisdictional disputes. After all, a great many labor people know very well that these squabbles can't go on forever. They know that if labor doesn't stop wasting its energy in these scraps, organized government is going to get tougher and tougher, damaging genuinely important rights of organized labor in the process.

As for the deep division between AFL and CIO, while the convention did nothing to solve the problem, every informed official of both the AFL and the CIO knows that the great majority of their members are fed up with this division.

There are reports current that some AFL leaders have made up their minds to wage an all-out war of extermination against the CIO, treating it as if it were a rattlesnake. In fact, many must have noticed a certain headline recently: AFL GIRDS FOR WAR, HOPES TO KILL CIO.

But there has been very little indication that this fits in with the mood of the vast majority of the actual membership of the unions in either federation.

On the third question, that of unified political activity, we feel quite sure that even if there is inertia, and sometimes worse, at the top, many of the lower echelon leaders, and large numbers of the members, are deeply aware of the need for more organized political effort by organized labor.

For just as labor people know that unless they solve jurisdictional disputes organized reactionary elements will do it for them in the most painful way possible, so do labor people realize that unless legitimate organized labor attends to politics, organized Communism will attend to it for them, and with disastrous results.

So we suggest there's no use getting discouraged or bitter about the results, or lack of results, at the AFL convention. Why not hold firmly and loyally to the idea that the American Federation of labor is a lot sounder organism than it sometimes seems to be, and that down underneath that vast superstructure there are some seven million folks who aren't utterly crazy and aren't utterly lazy?

In short, we're just suffering growing pains. They're painful, but we're growing! And we're even, believe it or not, growing smarter.

DAV and Tanforan

Commander John W. Shannon of the California Department, Disabled American Veterans, has protested to the State Horse Racing Board that although the DAV was promised "substantial contributions" from Tanforan racetrack through the holding of "Charity Days," yet "no funds or any other type of aid has ever been received."

CIO Warehousemen

CIO Warehouse Local 6 is continuing its picketing of the Sears retail store in San Francisco, and in Petaluma is engaged in a struggle with the Sunset Line and Twine Company. At both places mass picketing has been featured from time to time, with some arrests of pickets in Petaluma.

$10,000 Limitation On Veterans' Homes Taken off by Law

(State Federation Service)

Several important changes in state veterans' benefits are now in effect as a result of new laws enacted by the legislature, the State Department of Veterans Affairs has announced.

Because of prevailing high real estate prices, the legislature removed the former $10,000 limitation on the price of home property which may be purchased by the state on behalf of veterans under the California Farm and Home Purchase Act.

No change was made, however, in the $7,500 maximum which the state may advance for the purchase of a veteran's home. Also, the Department's appraisal, based on present fair replacement cost, less depreciation, may not exceed $10,000.

The new law will benefit principally the veteran who has a substantial equity in a home previously purhased in the inflated postwar market for slightly more than $10,000 and who desires to submit the property for purchase under the state plan.

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FRIEND AND FOE IN RADIO AND PRESS

The Golden Gate Restaurant Association in opposing some features of the Food for Europe drive adopted a resolution declaring that "patriotic American citizens are the best judges of what they shall eat and when in this period of crisis."

That's a pretty optimistic estimate. It takes more than patriotism to figure out the best solution for the complicated problem of adjustment to a tangled world situation involving crops, weather conditions, shipping facilities, and political crisis in foreign countries, to name only a few of the factors. It takes patriotism plus much detailed knowledge.

But it does seem strange that Charles Luckman, who has a reputation as a business man for fair dealing with labor, should as head of the President's Food Committee fail to consult with the labor unions whose members are thrown out of work by some phases of the program.

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SNAKES, AUTOS DON'T CREATE 'ACCIDENTS'

The Minneapolis Labor Review tells its readers:

IF YOU WANT
TO LIVE
TO BE
NINETY,
DON'T LOOK
FOR IT
ON THE
SPEEDOMETER

Yet a good many Americans act when they get at the wheel as though it is the duty of a driver to push the car to the absolute limit. Those who suffer the consequences for this can hardly be said to be the victims of an "accident." As the Tennessee judge ruled in the case of a man bitten fatally by a poisonous reptile which he was handling in a peculiar church service: "One voluntarily handling a poisonous serpent is not accidentally injured when bitten by the snake."

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THEY EXPECT LABOR TO LICK T-H HAND?

Some people, who can't understand why labor unions protest so bitterly against provisions of the Taft-Hartley Law, feel that they've disposed of the whole matter by simply saying, "Well, after all, it's the law of the land."

They evidently figure that labor is like the man in the old story, who, coming home unduly late one night, got down on his hands and knees and crawled toward the bed, hoping he wouldn't wake his wife. But luck was against him; his wife awoke.

In the darkness, mistaking the moving object for the dog, she said, "Come on Jack! Good dog!"

"Whereupon," said the husband next day, recounting the event to a friend, "I had the rare intelligence to lick her hand."

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MAYBE CONVENTION DIDN'T HAVE CHAIR

There was a lot of talk in the papers about how the AFL convention was going to grapple determinedly with the jurisdictional dispute between IATSE and the Carpenters down in Hollywood. But when the time came round, the convention—referred it to the Executive Council!

Perhaps the sentiment of those who did this was that of the witness whom the police judge asked: "The two men were fighting with chairs! didn't you try to make peace between them?"

"Well, your Honor," replied the witness, "there wasn't another chair in the room."

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LARGE EMPLOYER FOR GOOD WAGE-HOUR LAW

Robert W. Johnson, chairman of the big Johnson & Johnson firm which makes so much of the dental floss and other supplies found in drugstores, said recently at a labor relations forum:

"The time has come to accept the truth that those who earn less than a subsistence living are a liability to society. Modern society must pay this bill, either through subsidies, grants in aid, or social loss through destitution. As business, meaning the national economy, must pay this bill anyway, why not pay it at the source through adequate wage-hour legislation?"

Mr. Johnson's sentiment is wholesome, but to say "business, meaning the national economy," is to pass lightly over a huge obstacle. Many businesses, and some of them very large, are not integrated parts of the national economy any more than a pirate's operations are an integrated part of the legitimate shipping economy.

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HEARST DOING BEST TO MAKE BAD WORSE

W. R. Hearst, always eager to make a bad situation worse, has blossomed forth in The Pegler Paper and the other sheets which have to print his cerebral sizzles, with "A Letter to Mr. Van Ettisch," the said Mr. Van E., being, it seems, editor of one of the Los Angeles twiglets of the hearstian Tree of Heaven. In this letter he bids his serfs whip the public into a fury of acceptance of universal military training, with a special session of Congress to put the deal over. He trumpets: "If we do not want to be soldiers, we must reconcile ourselves to being slaves and we must make the decision now."

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City Council Bans New Charter Move; Efficiency Survey

The Oakland City Council has voted 8 to 1 against calling for election of freeholders to draw up a new city charter. The one vote cast for the proposal was by the maker of the motion, Councilman Raymond E. Pease, who said the freeholders' plan for preparing a new charter was part of the platform of the four new Councilmen who took office July 1.

"There has been some lip service," said Pease, "but no concrete action" on items in that platform.

NEW BUILDING

The Council has authorized preparation of plans and specifications for a new $2,300,000 Hall of Justice building in the Lake Merritt Civic Center on the block bounded by 10th, Oak, 11th, and Fallon streets.

Public Administration Services has been engaged by the Council for a $29,000 fee to make a survey of all city departments' operations to eliminate duplication of services and improve efficiency.

Councilmen Rishell and Weakley reported that on their recent trip to Salt Lake City to survey the change made there from streetcars to buses they found the public well pleased with the change.

PARKING METER INCOME

City Treasurer James F. Carey has reported that Oakland parking meters since they were installed last April have brought in a total revenue of $122,849.67.

The City Council, after much discussion, and by divided vote, has agreed to have the city pay $4800 for another year's maintenance by the Alameda Zoological society of the Oakland Zoo.

Letter Carriers in Plea For Fair Play

An appeal for fairness in making economic adjustments to enable government employees to meet the unprecedented high cost of living has been voiced by William C. Doherty, President of the National Association of Letter Carriers and Vice President of the American Federation of Labor.

In a statement, Doherty declared that the letter carrier was being pinched by the rising costs of living and called attention to the fact that the postmen had had to wait 20 years . . . from 1925 until 1945 . . . for a reclassification of salary.

Central Valley

A group of landowners in Fresno and Madera counties have brought suit against the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, asking that Friant dam be not completed, on the ground that it impounds water belonging to them by rights and prevents salmon from living in the river.

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By JOHN J. SWATTEM

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Warren on Housing

Governor Warren has declined to call a special session of the Legislature on housing and rent control, proposed by State Senator Gerald O'Gara of San Francisco.

Chest Luncheon

Organized labor and management representatives held a luncheon together Tuesday at 724 14th street, Oakland, to discuss the Community Chest drive. Lew Blix is labor liaison director for the campaign.

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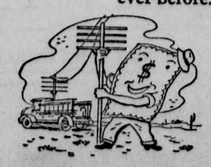


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